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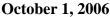
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Galifornia Dental Residency Program



Dental specific legislation from Senator Sam Aanestad (R-Grass Valley), recently signed into law, will help increase the number of dentists in California through the creation of a new residency program. SB 683 allows select dental students to receive a license to practice dentistry in California, following the successful participation in a clinically based post-doctoral program in general or specialty dentistry.

Current Law

There are currently three avenues that all applicants seeking a license to practice dentistry in California must take. The most common includes the completion of a clinical demonstration exam in an operative setting, and graduation from a dental education program approved by the national

Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA). SB 683 will now create an "alternative path" to licensing for dentists.

New Options

Rather than the "one-shot" exam to test a student's skills, the dental student will have the option to complete a CODA-accredited dental residency program of no less than one year in length and held in an accredited facility. Senator Aanestad says SB 683 creates the same type of residency program that is currently available to all licensed physicians in California.

The Advantages

Furthermore, supporters of **SB 683** point out that a dental residency program also allows dental school graduates to further their skills, knowledge and ability in the practice of dentistry.

Residency Works

SB 683 is common-sense legislation that is supported

"This legislation creates a new type of dental residency program that is very similar to the residency programs that many physicians in California and throughout the nation successfully complete. As a licensed oral surgeon with decades of experience, I understand the importance of training and qualifications in the field of general dentistry or any other health-related occupation."

Senator Sam Aanestad

by the dental industry. The legislation is modeled after a successful dental residency program that is already in place in the State of New York and will create more, and better qualified, dentists for California.

